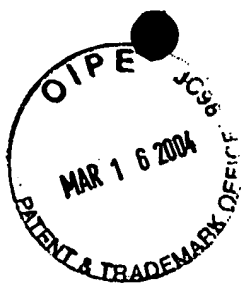


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2666
Application No.: 09/487,312)	
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Filed: January 19, 2000)	
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RECORDING MEDIUM)	
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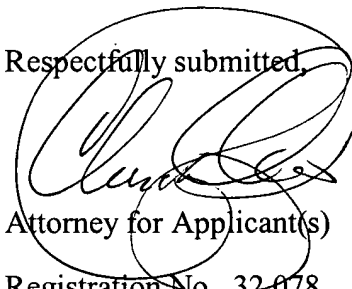
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, for three months from January 25, 2004 to March 25, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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